

FIREFIGHTER

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

The class of Firefighter comprises entrance level positions in the fire fighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training for and, after training, perform tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, and performing rescue work. Employees of this class are supervised by a Fire Captain and this class ranks directly below that of Operator.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Participates in assigned training drills either as an individual or as a member of a group. Attends special schools or courses assigned. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work.

Trains for and performs fire fighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines; ventilating buildings; and using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

Administers first aid to victims of fire and accident, either on the scene of an emergency or en route to the hospital.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, or related duties.

Performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens at a fire scene, providing information to the public concerning the work of the fire department, conducting station tours for individuals or civic groups, or related duties.

Performs fire prevention, fire inspection, or pre-fire planning tasks such as inspecting fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, or portable fire extinguishers; studying the district to become familiar with the location of fire plugs or water lines; interpreting or enforcing fire laws, ordinances, and regulations, and related duties.

Answers emergency and business telephone. Dispatches apparatus. May be required to drive fire apparatus after receiving appropriate training. Does preliminary paperwork on emergency incident reports.

Performs related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and must have a birth certificate to show proof of citizenship of United States.

Applicant must possess one of the following: high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or equivalency certificate.

After offer of employment or promotion, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position.

Must establish and maintain residency within a twenty (20) mile radius (air miles) of the Opelousas city limits at all times while employed with the city of Opelousas.

Must attain certification for Firefighter I as set forth in NFPA 1001 before being confirmed in the position.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

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